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ACTION AGAINST COMPANIES FOR EXCISE EVASION
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the companies located in various States including Maharashtra against which departmental and legal action are being taken for evasion of excise and custom duties amounting of more than Rs. 100 crore, State-wise;

(b) the names of the companies against whom such cases are pending with Tribunals and Courts for more than last three years and the latest status of fee cases as on date; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government for the speedy recovery of the said amount?

Answer

MINISTER of STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI GINGEE N.RAMACHANDRAN)

(a) The details of companies located in various states including Maharashtra against which departmental and legal action are being taken as on date for evasion of excise and customs duties amounting more than Rs. 100 crores are as per Annexure `A`.

(b) There are 3 such cases of Central Excise duty evasion which are more than 3 years old pending with the Supreme Court for hearing in August 2002 against FTC Ltd. situated in the state of Bihar, Kamataka and Uttar Pradesh involving an amount of Rs. 112.09 crores, Rs. 297.03 crores and Rs. 159.22 crores respectively.

(c) All out efforts are being made by jurisdictional officers to realise the dues by taking persuasive action in the first instance and if these are not yielding results, coercive and certificate action is also being resorted to, if there is no embargo/stay from appellate forums/courts. Special measures are also being taken to get the stays vacated by filing urgent hearing petitions in Supreme Courts, High Courts and Appellate Tribunal or for deciding the cases on priority basis. CBEC and senior supervisory officers in the field are monitoring the cases involving substantial revenue.